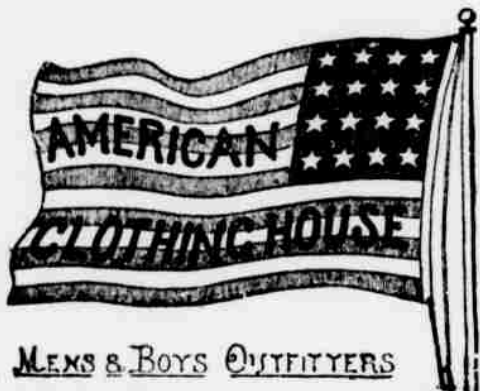


Winter Here at Last

But too late to do the clothing trade much good—it finds us with far too many overcoats and suits on hand. Don't care to carry these over and therefore all idea of profit is abandoned—pay us the cost on any winter suit or overcoat—boy's or men's—and its yours. We mean this and it would be well for you to investigate.

IN OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT.

We're closing out mens \$2.50 FULL STOCK CALF shoes for - - - \$1.75
Mens \$3.00 Calf shoes for - - - \$2.00
All \$3.50 Stoga boots for - - - \$3.00
All \$3.00 Stoga boots for - - - \$2.50
Boys 2.00 Congress or Button shoes for - \$1.50
Boys 1.50 Congress or Button shoes for - \$1.25
Boys 1.25 Congress shoes for - - - .85
Boys 2.00 high top lace shoes for \$1.50—extra good winter shoes.
Mens 2nd quality arctics \$1. Mens 3rd quality arctics 75c.



The mule market is reported to be improving.

Henry Bradley, Cornland, a valued friend of the TIMES, renews.

W. A. Duvall, Johnston, is a new subscriber to the booming TIMES.

The weather clerk was very kind to the children during the holidays.

C. W. Baldwin, of Quincy, Ill., visited his daughter Mrs. C. A. Denton.

A. L. McBride & Co., and McFarland Bros., have completed taking stock.

Renick & Higgins, implement dealers at Warrensburg, have gone to the wall.

Mails were late at this place Monday on account of the bad spell of weather.

After three days of rain, sleet and snow, the sun came up bright Tuesday morning.

The second day of the New Year was ushered in with a thunder storm, lightning, rain and sleet.

E. J. Williams will accept the thanks of the TIMES for a renewal of his subscription for '98.

160 acres of land in Pleasant Gap township for sale at a bargain.

7-4t. DUVALL & PERCIVAL.

W. J. Hutchinson has withdrawn from the Clinton Tribune, selling his interest to his partner, Sam S. Stark.

Z. R. Radford, of Jasper, county in spending a few days in the city, guest of his brother C. R. Radford.

Jodie Haggard, attending the normal conservatory of music, Warrensburg, is visiting relatives and friends.

G. E. Fox made the right kind of a resolve for the new year, he called and enrolled his name for the booming TIMES.

H. Rhine, one of our most substantial farmers of Ballard neighborhood, renews. He has our best wishes for the new year.

Our new resolve is to continue to give the best paper in the county for \$1 a year. Come in and subscribe for 1897.

Mr. Carnegie has ordered a reduction of 20 to 30 percent in wages in his mills. How's that for prosperity and confidence.

Williams Bros. are invoicing their stock of goods

W. T. Huddleson, of Gem Drug Store, Rich Hill spent Friday in the city.

The republican bosses have postponed prosperity until after March 4th

Judge W. G. Rose, of Independence, was circulating among his friends in this city Friday.

Aubrey Ewing, so well known in this city and county, took the oath of office as sheriff of Vernon county, Friday.

Catarrh is a constitutional disease and requires a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies the blood.

Old soldiers of Adrian met and passed resolutions endorsing Major Warner for secretary of the interior in McKinley's cabinet.

Mr. and Mrs. Adair have gone to Tipton to spend a week or so visiting Mr. Adair's parents. The TIMES wishes them a pleasant time and safe return.

Kansas was storm swept Saturday and Sunday, the wind drifted the snow until trains were compelled to stop, and travel for a time was suspended.

Our good friend J. M. Courtney, one of Butler's wealthy and prominent stockmen renews, and he too has the best wishes of the TIMES for a happy and prosperous new year.

The trial of John Blair and Alvah Blair, his son, has been begun at Nevada. The Blairs, it will be remembered murdered Henry Anthony on the streets of Nevada June 1.

The big frame ice house belonging to Robert Jones, at Nevada, burned Monday morning. Three horses and a wagon and harness were also consumed in the flames. The origin of the fire is attributed to spontaneous combustion.

The Holden Record, to be in fashion with the eastern national banker, has suspended. Liabilities, none; assets, none; depositors (subscribers) few in number and may be paid in full.

The Rich Hill Review reports the Marias des Cygne and Osage rivers on a rampage Sunday and Monday. The Osage was threatening the low lands at Osceola and other points below that town.

Sedalia, as well as Nevada, Kansas City and St. Louis, is in the arms of the foot pad. When you go to either town it is well to leave your pocket book at home.

The Warrensburg Journal-Democrat printing office was considerably scorched by fire Friday. The fire caught at the noon hour while the force was at dinner.

If our substantial farmer friend, J. M. Graham, of Culver, was called hence tomorrow he would carry with him a clear receipt from the booming TIMES, showing his subscription paid to Jan. 1, 1898.

This is just the kind of weather that good people of the different churches comprising the charity committee can do a great deal of good by looking after the needy and destitute of the city, if there be such.

The Rich Hill Daily Review, arrived on schedule time Tuesday morning. Adversity only puts a newspaper man on his metal, and Bob Walter's is built to stand the most severe tempests that can befall the fraternity.

A regular western blizzard struck town Monday morning and the snow came down the nearest and quickest way. The streets were deserted and only now and then during the day a coat tail on the fly could be seen darting around a corner or entering a store door.

Sam M. Price and Miss Anna Bradley, were united in marriage at Ballard the 30th inst. Rev. Barret, of the Methodist church officiated. Both the contracting parties reside in the neighborhood in which they were married and are among Bates county's most prominent young people.

E. Vandegrift, one of Butler's prominent barbers, next to postoffice building, is a new subscriber. He, too, starts off with the New Year in the right direction, and now that he has joined the great family of the booming TIMES, he is certain of success in his business.

There must be a loose way of doing things at Springfield jail. A few days ago Geo. Edwards, under sentence of five years in the penitentiary and confined in jail, traded clothes with a tramp who had been ordered discharged and walked out as a "hobo" and made his escape.

Uncle Jackey Ryan will accept the thanks of the booming TIMES for a renewal of his subscription for '98. Uncle Jackey is one of the TIMES' oldest and best subscribers, and is also one of Butler's most substantial citizens. He has our best wishes for a happy New Year.

D. D. McCann is a new subscriber to the booming TIMES. By the way, Dike is a candidate for constable of this township and the boys will find him in the race. He is all right, and if he secures the nomination and is elected, he will make the township a good and efficient officer.

Rich Hill Review 31.—Mr. Jos. M. Graves left for Butler on the afternoon's Pacific train, so as to be on hand to take the oath of office as Sheriff Mudd's deputy, to-morrow. Joe's friends all hope he won't have anyone to kill during his coming term. All believe he will make a good and efficient officer.

Geo. H. Wallace, sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for burglary at Schell City, and who was convicted at Nevada, last week died in jail. Death was caused from consumption. Just before death the doctors waiting on him performed an operation and drew a gallon of pus from his side.

The sheriff's office has been moved to the room formerly used by the grand jury. The office now will be found on the second floor in the northeast corner of the court house. It is a much nicer location and perhaps will not prove so convenient to loafers, who are a nuisance in an office where business is transacted.

There is a movement on foot to have a law passed prohibiting any officer of the state or county from appointing a relative to office. The movement is a bad one. An officer should have the same right to appoint his own relative as the relative of some other fellow, provided he is competent to fill the position.

George Bryant, the man who attempted to murder his wife and her father, W. B. Reno, by shooting each of them twice on the streets of Ft. Scott, a couple of weeks ago, was found dead and decomposing in a coal drift a mile southwest of the city. It is the supposition he ran to the drift and killed himself.

Dr. G. W. Robinson, who recently located in this city, has made another change and has opened an office at Culver. The doctor made many friends while here who will wish him well in his new location. He is a good physician and the citizens of the neighborhood in which he has opened an office will find him a gentleman and worthy their confidence and patronage.

The stock of groceries and implements formerly the property of Lee Culver & Co., was sold at assignee's sale, Tuesday. The grocery stock was bought by Mrs. Lee Culver.

County supervision of the public schools is a superfluous office. It merely means the fixing of a place for some fellow to draw a salary. The people have taxes enough to pay.

There will be an oyster, fruit and cake supper at H. A. White's residence for the benefit of the M. E. church south of Johnston. Every body invited. Remember the date January 8, 1897.

The Osage river was reported to be on a regular rampage Sunday and a rise of twenty five feet was reported. All the bottoms along the river were overflowed and it was apprehended that much damage would be the result.

The turlew bell rings at Rich Hill. The officers are having no trouble, as the small boy hies himself home at the first invitation of the bell. Only one objection, the bell should get the boys at 7 instead of 8 o'clock.

Miss Gertrude Silvers, holding a position in the Lamar public school and who with her friend, Miss Earl Dye, has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Silvers, in this city, has returned to Lamar.

Chas. Powell, an Oklahoma desperado and "pal" of Bill Doohu, was arrested Tuesday at the home of his mother at Eldorado Springs, after exchanging several shots with the officers who made the arrest. He was taken back to Oklahoma.

Richard Cornelius, cashier of the National Farmers and Planters bank, Baltimore, Maryland, committed suicide Monday. A shortage in his account with the bank of \$60,000 caused him to commit the act. He had been connected with the bank forty two years.

Ex Sheriff D. A. Colyer received word Tuesday from Boston, Mass., notifying him of the dangerous illness of his daughter, Allie, who is attending the musical conservatory in that city. He also received word from Kentucky that his sister in law, Mrs. Jackson, was lying at the point of death.

J. A. Elgin, one of the substantial farmers residing near Passaic called Tuesday and renewed Mr. Elgin feeds cattle on a small scale and each year has a bunch ready for the market. Monday he delivered a car load to P. K. Williams at Passaic, and realized 4 cents. The cattle were good ones and averaged in weight 1,350 pounds.

Deputy sheriff, Joe Graves, made his first arrest at Rich Hill Friday night. The offender was Henry Hill and the charge against him was carrying concealed weapons. Hill is the same fellow that was arrested in Butler Christmas day for being drunk and disorderly. He was brought to jail and when searched a razor was found on his person.

Harry Kemp, one of Clinton's most prominent citizens, architect and builder, and prominent in the Masonic order of that town, took a teaspoonful of aconite and was a dead man in 10 minutes. He had been taking the drug to allay pain caused by neuralgia and it is not thought he intended to take his life. Five drops of the drug is a large dose.

Wright Hamilton and Joe Ducot were placed in the Booneville jail a few days ago, charged with the murder of James Wedges, a negro man employed by John Mackler, in La mine township. The negro was shot down while plowing, the load of shot striking him in the back of the head as he turned his team at the end of a furrow. The crime was committed three years ago.

The Rich Hill Review's relief fund for the poor of that city continues to grow. It was a happy thought in the Review to take up the cause of humanity in that city, and the effort put forth by Bro. Bob to run the wolf from the door of the poor widow and the destitute is the noblest act of his life, and that the Review relief fund grows daily testifies that the charitable are with him in the good cause. Robert you certainly deserve a granite monument to mark your last resting place, and a crown in that great and eternal city whose streets are paved with gold.

You Can Be Well

When your blood is pure, rich and nourishing for nerves and muscles. The blood is the vital fluid, and when it is poor, thin and impure you must either suffer from some distressing disease or you will easily fall a victim to sudden changes, exposure or overwork. Keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla and be well.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pill; assist digestion, cure headache. 25 cents.

Its a Cold Wind

indeed which blows nobody good. This time it is you who get the good of this wind. Our entire stock of

OVERCOATS

is being sold without one cent of profit and now is the very time you need them. Come before too late. All overcoats go in this sale.

McKibbens.

E. I. Williams and Z. H. Bowles, farmers living 4 and 5 miles southwest of Butler, report the loss by theft of harness on the night of Dec. 31, 1896. Williams describes his as 1 set 1 1/2 inch double harness, in use about 2 years, breechen almost new, 23 foot 1 1/2 inch lines, 3 collars, metal hame tug. This is the second time within a few months Mr. Williams has been robbed.

Notice to the Public.
There will be an installation of officers of the Bates County Post No. 58 G. A. R. held at the Court House Jan. 12th, and in connection a bean supper will be given at C. B. Lewis' new building on Ohio street. The public are invited to attend the installation and supper. By order HARRY SPEER, Commander. T. C. COPELAND, Adjutant.

SIX OF A KIND JAILED.
Had a Kit of Burglar Tools and Sheets of Postage Stamps.

A batch of six hard looking customers were arrested and jailed Sunday. The outfit were arrested at the depot, where they were loitering about. One of the number had a lot of fine tools with him, such as are used in a machine shop. They also had a large number of postage stamps in sheets, which they tried to pass at the depot restaurant for something to eat. The fellow owning the tools claimed to be a machinist.

The prisoners who were arrested by the city marshal, were first locked in the calaboose and as no stamps were found on them at the jail when searched, it is supposed they consigned them to the flames at the cooler.

It is highly probable the arrest is an important one and that the officers have the same gang that blew the safe and robbed the postoffice at Collins, St. Clair county, last week. Prosecuting attorney Clark had them arrested and will hold them pending a thorough investigation.

Destroyed by Fire.

Early Sunday morning the entire plant of the Rich Hill Review, the oldest and best paper in that city, was destroyed by fire. The Review office was in a 1 story frame building and before the fire department reached it the house was too far gone to save any of the material. The fire originated in the press room. The Review was the property of C. R. Walters. The loss is estimated at \$7,000, with insurance on material \$3,300. Mr. Walters announces that the paper will be continued right along, arrangements having been made to that effect, and as soon as possible a new plant will be put in. The TIMES with other friends regrets very much to learn of the disaster which has befallen Mr. Walters, but is glad to know that the Review, both daily and weekly, will be on its feet again in a short time in a brand new dress and looking cleaner and neater than ever.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. DR.

PRICES' CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE. A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 Years the Standard.

W. O. Jackson went to Jefferson City, yesterday to attend a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee.

New features are being continually added to Frank L. She's Popular Monthly, and the publishers say that the coming year will show an even more marked improvement in its character than was shown during the past year.

A Close Call For Mrs. Kendrick.

Thursday last, in the absence of her husband who had gone to Kansas City on business, Mrs. O. H. Kendrick residing three miles north of town, had a very narrow escape from being killed by a mad cow. The lady went to the lot to care for a young calf when the cow became enraged and made a desperate and vicious assault on her. As the cow came at her with mouth open tongue out and bawling Mrs. Kendrick prepared to make the best fight she could and in the struggle she got hold of the cow's tongue and held on with a death grip. The cow was finally subdued and the lady made her escape.

In the struggle which ensued Mrs. Kendrick was quite severely bruised about the body by being trampled upon by the enraged animal and her escape from being gored to death is attributed to the fact that the cow had been deborned.

SETTLEMENT DOCKET.

PROBATE COURT FEBRUARY TERM, 1897.

1ST DAY, FEB. 8, 1897.

Estate of Lucinda E. Dale, Denver Dale Executor, George E. Pitchford, B. B. Utley G. & C., Isaac C. Nafus et al., Martin Young G. & C., John W. White, S. M. White G. & C., William H. Betz, Wm. Betz G. & C.

2d DAY. Jas. A. Brashers, F. J. Tygard and J. C. Clark, Exs., Grover Donovan, F. J. Tygard Curator, Clyde Willis, F. J. Tygard Curator, Ray McCulloch et al., F. J. Tygard Curator, Mary Donovan, F. J. Tygard Executor.

3d DAY. W. T. Weller et al., Jacob D. Weller G. & C., Lester L. Chastine et al., E. N. Chastine G. & C., James L. Beattie et al., W. S. Mudd G. & C., Jasper Pierce, Jessie Pierce G. & C., Cora E. Nafus et al., John Gench Curator.

4th DAY. J. J. Clark, E. W. and F. J. Clark Adms., Lonna W. Reeder et al., J. M. White Curator, Mary Standish, John Standish Admr., John F. Hine, F. M. Cox G. & C., Josie Price, George Price Curator.

5th DAY. Laurine Grosshart, J. C. Lane Curator, Eobert Hunter, T. J. Hendrickson Guardian, James D. Adams, Martha A. Adams Admr., Wm. Grobe et al., Mary A. Grobe G. & C., Charles G. Stoll et al., John Yoss G. & C., Joseph Haines et al., Joseph Schmieding Curator.

6th DAY. Joseph McCormack et al., W. L. Kash Curator, Shannon Odell et al., Samuel Stapleton G. & C., S. J. Brooks, A. E. Brooks Admr., Adolph Kaufman, Mary Kaufman G. & C., Henry Cobb, Priscilla Cobb Admr.

7th DAY. L. S. Keirsey et al., Geo. W. Keirsey G. & C., Fred K. Medley, J. R. Jenkins G. & C., David McLaughlin, L. B. Allison Admr., Fred Bollweg et al., John Brown G. & C., Walter C. Shields, E. S. Jones Curator.

8th DAY. Pearly Deween, C. H. Raines G. & C., Henry Johannsmeyer, Martin Rapp G. & C., Claud N. Clark, John H. Marty G. & C., Walter Bernhart, W. H. Marty G. & C.

9th DAY. Rachel Rickett, M. J. Ferguson G. & C., Levy Owen et al., Madison Owen Curator, Samuel Case, Mary A. Case Admr., W. H. Wayland, S. S. Whipple & H. A. Wayland Executors.

10th DAY. Frank A. Lamb, J. C. Clark Curator. Florence Boswell, C. H. Raines G. & C., Andrew Kelley et al., John H. Williams G. & C., Louis Medley, J. R. Jenkins G. & C., Delbert McPherson et al., John W. Noland G. & C., Mary E. Page, William Page Executor.

11th DAY. Richard P. Harper, H. H. Wyse G. & C., Philip Kriger, Katherine Kriger Admr., James T. Thompson, Wm. E. Walton Admr., Alfred J. Park, Sarah Jane Park Executrix, Newton Wright et al., J. A. Marshall G. & C.

12th DAY. Chas. Carlton, Thomas Strode G. & C., Elijah Butler, Sam'l L. Starr Executor, Louis Medley, J. R. Jenkins G. & C., G. M. Mikesell, T. F. Wilson Admr., Jacob Hines, James Crooks G. & C., Myrtle E. Caterlin, J. M. Caterlin Curator.

STATE OF MISSOURI ss. County of Bates.

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the settlement docket for the term of the Probate Court commencing on the 4th day of February, 1897. Witness my hand and seal this 4th day of Jan. 1897. W. M. DALTON, Judge of Probate.